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Iran-Iraq War

Iranian Missile Attack — Retaliating for Iraq's recent attacks on Iranian oil facilities, Iran launched two surface-to-surface missiles against Iraqi oil installations in northwest Kirkuk 26 June, IRNA reported, adding that the missiles caused "considerable" damage. Acknowledging Iran's missile attack and Iranian air raids in the same locality, an Iraqi military communique cited by Baghdad radio refuted Iran's contention that the strikes were directed against economic and oil installations. The attacks were against a residential area, the communique said, adding that they "will not go unpunished" and will open the way to renewing the war of the cities.

Rejecting Iraq's claim, an Iranian military spokesman cited by IRNA stated that the Iraqi charges themselves were meant to provide the basis for renewing the war of the cities and to resume the deployment of chemical weapons.

Attack on Tanker — Iranian aircraft attacked two European oil tankers near the port of Dubayy on 28 June, according to a Lloyd's spokesman cited by INA.

Lebanon

Citizens of West Beirut were "reassured" by the "serious implementation" of the security plan 28 June, SANA reported, noting that Lebanese Army units and Internal Security Forces deployed throughout the western sector that morning assisted by Syrian observers. Amal movement leader Nabih Birri likewise expressed satisfaction with the security forces' "successful" deployment in remarks reported by Beirut radio. Earlier, Voice of National Resistance radio cited Birri's claim that Amal has finally "left" West Beirut, closing its offices and ending its armed presence in the area. On the other hand, Voice of Lebanon radio reported that only a minority of party offices have been closed down. As for the Syrian role in the security plan, the radio stated that Brigadier General Ghazi Kan'an, head of Syrian intelligence in Lebanon, has threatened to use Syrian security units if the Lebanese regular force fails to implement the security plan in West Beirut. The radio also disclosed that responsibility for an abortive attempt to assassinate Kan'an was claimed by the "Black Palm," an organization which has issued a number of recent threats against the Syrian presence in Lebanon.

Palestinian-Amal clashes had continued in Beirut before the implementation of the security plan, according to Beirut radio, which reported over 30 casualties in fighting 27 June. For the PLO's part, Executive Committee Chairman Yasir 'Arafat asserted that 2,000 people have been killed or wounded in Amal's 7-week campaign against the Palestinian camps, while DFLP sources disclosed that casualties in Burj al-Barajinah and Shatila amount to 106 killed and 650 injured, Voice of Lebanon radio noted.

Israel

Shin Bet Affair — Prime Minister Shim'on Peres made it clear at a 29 June Alignment faction meeting that he favors an inquiry into the political echelon's role in the Shin Bet affair, Jerusalem television reported, noting that there is general agreement in the Alignment in favor of establishing an inquiry commission. On the other hand, Foreign Minister Yitzhaq Shamir sharply reaffirmed his opposition to the establishment of an inquiry commission and Likud leaders are agreed that the establishment of such a commission will lead to the collapse of the government and elections, according to Jerusalem radio. IDF radio spoke of a "crisis" atmosphere between Likud and Alignment ministers at the 29 June Cabinet session, which made no decision on the issue.

Terrorism — The PLO's Force 17 claimed responsibility for a bomb explosion on a bus near Tel Aviv 30 June, AFP reported, noting that police reported five people were injured in the blast. Earlier, Defense Minister Yitzhaq Rabin called on the United States to pressure Saudi Arabia into stopping its financial support for the PLO, the radio noted. Rabin also accused Syria of playing a part in the recent attempt to sabotage an El Al airliner in Madrid, IDF radio noted, and he warned that if the role of "a certain Arab country" in anti-Israeli terrorism can be proven, Israel will be faced with the serious dilemma of whether to go to war.

Syria

A 27 June Damascus radio commentary deplored the "fresh talk via suspect propagandist and official channels" about Syrian preparations to attack Israel, asserting that behind such "heightened talk" is "a clear Israeli attempt to fabricate a suitable pretext to launch a premeditated aggression against Syria."

President Hafiz al-Asad held talks with visiting PDRY Supreme People's Council Presidium Chairman Haydar Abu Bakr al-'Attas over the weekend, according to Damascus radio and television reports. In another diplomatic development, the Algerian foreign minister departed Syria 29 June following a 3-day official visit during which he conveyed a message to Al-Asad from Algerian President Chadli Bendjedid and held talks with the Syrian foreign minister, Damascus radio noted.

Syria-Iraq

"Informed sources" in Amman cited by Radio Monte Carlo revealed that Jordan's King Husayn will resume his efforts, with Saudi Arabia's involvement, to effect a reconciliation between Syria and Iraq, following the recent postponement of a planned meeting between the Syrian and Iraqi foreign ministers. In a related development, "Arab diplomatic sources" quoted by the UAE paper *Al-Ittihad* claimed that Saudi Crown Prince 'Abdallah will "shortly" visit Damascus and Baghdad to attempt to reconcile the two sides, WAM reported. The sources speculated

that the prince's endeavors will lead to a meeting of "senior" Syrian and Iraqi officials in Saudi Arabia.

Iraqi Foreign Minister Tariq 'Aziz commented on Syria's relations with Iran in an interview with the Kuwaiti paper *Al-Siyasah* cited by INA, describing the relationship as a "conspiracy" and asserting that they are united only by their "hatred" of Iraq and their "blackmail" of the Gulf countries. 'Aziz called the "alliance" "anomalous" and declared that their ties in the economic sphere are also "shaky and unstable." He dismissed any connection between an Iraqi-Syrian meeting and an Arab summit, and deplored the situation whereby two countries, Syria and Libya, can prevent the convocation of summit meetings.

Libya

A French External Relations Ministry spokesman denied "totally unfounded" British press reports alleging that France is "repairing and improving" Libya's antimissile radar defense system damaged during the U.S. air raids in April, AFP reported. In a separate development, JANA reported that the body of a U.S. pilot shot down during the U.S. air raids was recently washed ashore on the Tunisian coast. Meanwhile, Tripoli radio reported the departure of a "high-ranking" Soviet military delegation 27 June.

PDRY

Upon his arrival in Aden 27 June following a visit to the YAR, Deputy Prime Minister Brigadier Salih Munassar al-Siyayli rebutted reports of a political dialogue between him and the "conspirator" 'Ali Nasir Muhammad, insisting that they are "without foundation," according to Aden radio. While acknowledging that discussions were held on the return to the PDRY of "fugitives" within the framework of the government's general amnesty, Al-Siyayli denied that he had any meetings with Muhammad or his group. Nevertheless, a 26 June article in the UAE's *Al-Ittihad* alleged that a "national reconciliation conference" was held during Al-Siyayli's visit to the YAR during which he met with a representative of 'Ali Nasir Muhammad.

Iran

Prior to his departure from Algeria 27 June, 'Ali Mohammad Besharati "strongly criticized" Saudi Arabia for dealing OPEC a "severe" blow by glutting the oil market and forcing prices down, IRNA reported. Besharati accused the Saudis of perpetrating the "greatest treason" against the "oppressed and deprived" nations, and said that Saudi Arabia should make "amends" to those countries and oil-producing countries. Meanwhile, Foreign Minister 'Ali Akbar Velayati returned to Tehran 28 June following visits to Cuba, Nicaragua, and Czechoslovakia, Tehran radio reported. In another foreign policy development, IRNA noted the departure of an Iranian economic delegation from Paris 28 June following the conclusion of talks with French officials on the repayment of France's debt to Iran.The agency reported that more talks on the dispute are "planned."

Gulf Affairs

GCC foreign ministers began the 19th session of the GCC Ministerial Council in Al-Ta'if 28 June, Jeddah radio announced. In his opening remarks, carried by SPA, the Omani minister of state for foreign affairs said that a continuous search for finding an acceptable formula for ending the Iran-Iraq war and the conflict resulting from it will occupy first place in the ministers' priorities. The session chairman added that "acts of sabotage and terrorism" taking place in the region are a "serious escalation" in expanding the war outside its current confines.

OPEC

The 78th OPEC session held at Brioni, Yugoslavia has made "some" progress, according to ministerial sources cited by AFP. The new OPEC president said that "the bulk" of the OPEC membership has agreed on a target range of output quotas, but would not specify what that range is. The agency added that the majority proposals specify a range of 17.4-17.9 million barrels per day, yielding an average price of $17-19/bbl. IRNA cited the Iranian oil minister's statement that if OPEC were to divide production quotas on the basis of political considerations, Iran would not abide by such a decision.

Sudan

In a joint statement broadcast by the clandestine SPLA radio following their 24-28 June meeting in Addis Ababa, the SPLA-SPLM and the National Alliance for National Salvation reaffirmed their commitment to the Koka Dam declaration and emphasized their intention to continue the dialogue. In another development, the government suspended the Islamic Da'wah Organization's activities within Sudan, SUNA reported.

Maghreb Affairs

Morocco — King Hassan II proposed the establishment of a "broad institution" represented by Morocco, Algeria, and Tunisia according to the three countries' regulations, in a statement read by Royal Adviser Ahmed Reda Guedira and broadcast by Rabat radio. The statement acknowledged that the institution would be merely "consultative" at this stage, but stressed that it would provide an "undeniable benefit" for the countries' decisionmakers.

Tunisia — Prime Minister Mohamed Mzali ordered Democratic Socialist Party Secretary General Ahmed al-Mestiri to be placed under "house detention" in lieu of his 4-month prison sentence handed down 28 June for leading an "unlicensed" demonstration last April against the U.S. air raids on Libya, KUNA reported. Three other opposition leaders sentenced with Al-Mestiri to similar prison terms were jailed.

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Armed Forces Crush Counterrevolutionary Gangs

LD281923 Kabul Domestic Service in Dari 1600 GMT 28 Jun 86

[Text] Quoting a security forces spokesman, a BIA correspondent reports that as a result of the successful operations the country's Armed Forces carried out in the environs of Arghestan District, Qandahar Province, a number of counterrevolutionary elements including some of their ringleaders — Mawlawi Ghulam Muhammad, Saleh Muhammad, Haji Rafiq, Haji Nur Muhammad, and Mola Nasruddin, belonging to the criminal bands of Mahaz, Nejat, Etehad-e Eslami, and Harakat-e Eslami — were crushed.

Three recoilless guns, 5 ZK-1's, 9 DShK's, 4 rocket launchers, 40 Chinese Kalashnikovs, and 4 trucks loaded with light and heavy weapons were seized from these criminals.

The source adds that during the operations carried out in the environs of Arghestan District, the war-mongering government of Pakistan, in order to raise the morale of their servants, stationed on the borders a number of their military troops and militias, who were wearing Afghan clothes and were armed with heavy weapons [words indistinct]. Despite this, the counterrevolutionaries could not resist our heroic Armed Forces.

According to another report, as a result of the successful operations the country's security forces carried out in the environs of Shakardara District, Kabul Province, a number of the counterrevolutionary elements who had been disrupting the peaceful life of the noble inhabitants of this region, were crushed.

One mortar with 30 mine shells and their warheads, 1 rocket launcher with 6 shells, and a number of light weapons with 5 boxes of ammunition were seized from them.

Further Details

LD300727 Kabul BAKHTAR in English 0520 GMT 30 Jun 86

[Text] Kabul, June 29, BAKHTAR: A large number of Afghan counter-revolutionary elements along with their ringleaders Mawlawi Ghulam Muhammad, Saleh Muhammad, Haji Rafiq, Haji Nur Muhammad and Mola Nasruddin, attached to the criminal bands of Mahaz, Nejat, Etehad-e Eslami, and Harakat-e Eslami were crushed in successful operations carried out by the Armed forces of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan in the Arghestan District of Qandahar Province. A large quantity of assorted weapons, including three recoilless guns, 5 rocket launchers, 40 Chinese-made machine guns were confiscated from them by the Armed Forces of the DRA.

Several Pakistani militias who were dressed as Afghans and despatched to the Arghestan District of the war-mongering regime of Pakistan were badly shattered by the security forces.

The Armed Forces also wiped out the Pakistani militias who had sneaked into the Afghan territory in the border areas to boost the morale of the Afghan counter-revolutionary gangs to carry out their subversive activities in Afghanistan.

BAKHTAR Criticizes French Reception of Mujahidin

LD292026 Kabul BAKHTAR in Dari 0600 GMT 29 Jun 86

[Text] Kabul, 28 Jun (BAKHTAR) — The BAKHTAR Information Agency political commentator writes: Recently, Jacques Chirac, prime minister and Jean-Bernard Raimond, foreign affairs minister of France, following Ronald Reagan, President of the U.S., received the leaders of Afghanistan's counterrevolutionary bands in Paris. Like their ally, the United States, the French Government authorities speak only in words about the political solution for the situation around Afghanistan, but in deed they act completely against it.

A few stateless terrorists who have given nothing but death, destruction, fear and plunder to the people of Afghanistan, and are nothing but credulous functionaries and paid mercenaries of imperialism and reaction in the undeclared war against the DRA and have no foundation among people of Afghanistan and no (?legal prestige), were welcomed as official guests — all this while the French flag is flying over her embassy in Kabul. The French Government has full diplomatic relation with the DRA and the DRA Embassy exists in Paris. This action by French authorities shows that in fact they have violated the vary basic norms and standards of international relations and are practically fueling the undeclared war against our country, contrary to their hue-and-cry claims to want the peaceful settlement of the situation around Afghanistan.

Incidents have shown that the French Government has used any opportunity and any means to interfere in our country's internal affairs and to intensify the undeclared war against the DRA.

The illegal entry of French subjects into DRA territory, which has been clearly encouraged by the government of France; the destructive and espionage activites of French subjects against our country, which in no way could have been carried out without ties to the French Government; the formation of tens of destructive French organizations under the mask of so-called charitable establishments, which enjoy the encouragement and financial assistance of France, to carry out hostile and propaganda activities against the DRA -- all show that France follows in the footsteps of her criminal ally, the U.S. Administration. Anti-Afghan policy is becoming the official policy of France, just as with the Washington Administration. Thus, the talks on Afghanistan, which were recently held in the French Parliament, are an obvious manifestation of the hostile and interventionist policy of France against revolutionary Afghanistan.

Those in Paris who welcome the criminals at an official level and who call the terrorists, whose hands are stained with blood of Afghanistan's people, freedom fighters — they too are aware of the futility and disgrace of such an action.

A few thugs and tramps headed by Rabbani, who are busy begging in Europe and America to fill their pockets, are well aware that they have lost out. The convocation of such amusing shows in Europe and America for them, which are being organized by the CIA, is the not a sign of their prominence but a sign of disgrace, and eliminates any doubts remaining in the minds of some people concerning their relationship with the West. The situation has been so difficult for them that they are overtly

rushing to Reagan and Chirac. Reagan, in an address to them, said: Our aims are the same as yours.

These people that use the so-called Islamic revolution in order to deceive people, are accepting and are confessing that their objectives and Reagan's objectives are the same. Therefore, if Reagan is Muslim, then Rabbani and partners are Muslims, too.

The recent journey of Rabbani and partners to Europe and America has torn off the masks of the counterrevolutionaries. The disgrace of the journey was such that even the so-called Muslim brothers in the rival bands, fearing further shame, called it a betrayal.

La'eq, Delegation Depart for PZPR Congress

LD271904 Kabul Domestic Service in Dari 1530 GMT 27 Jun 86

[Text] Sulayman La'eq, candidate member of the PDPA Central Committee Politburo and minister of nationalities and tribal affairs, and a party delegation today left for Warsaw at the invitation of the PZPR Central Committee to take part in the 10th PZPR Congress.

The delegation was seen off at athe Kabul airport by Major General Nazar Muhammad, candidate member of the PDPA Central Committee and DRA minister of defense; the deputy head of the International Relations Department of the PDPA Central Committee, and the Polish ambassador in Kabul.

According to another report, after the PZPR congress closes, at the invitation of the GDR Government, Sulayman La'eq will take part in the 40th anniversary festival of the GDR science academy that will be held in Berlin.

Delegation Departs for Official Visit to Budapest

LD300638 Kabul BAKHTAR in English 0448 GMT 30 Jun 86

[Text] Kabul, June 29, BAKHTAR: An Afghan delegation headed by Abdul Rashid Arian, in charge of the party Control Department of the Central Committee of the People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan and deputy chairman of the Revolutionary Council of the DRA, left Kabul for Budapest for an official and friendly visit today.

The Afghan delegation is visiting Budapest at the invitation of the Central Committee of the Hungarian Socialist Party.

Gandhi To Visit Mauritius 4 July

BK271252 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1230 GMT 27 Jun 86

[Text] The prime minister, Mr Rajiv Gandhi, is paying a 2-day visit to Mauritius beginning from the 4th of next month. The Commonwealth initiative for ending apartheid in South Africa is expected to figure at the talks between the two prime ministers. The worsening security environment in the Indian Ocean region and the situation in southern Africa will also come up during the talks.

Mr Gandhi and the Mauritius prime minister, Mr Aneerood Jugnauth, will also discuss ways to further strengthen bilateral relations. During the visit, Mr Gandhi will be accompanied by the minister of state for external affairs, Mr Eduardo Faleiro, and Dr P. Das, secretary in the External Affairs Ministry.

AFP: Pakistani Diplomat Attacked 27 Jun

BK280256 Hong Kong AFP in English 2355 GMT 27 Jun 86

[Text] New Delhi, June 27 (AFP) — A top Pakistani diplomat, posted here, was injured when unidentified persons attacked him Friday evening, police said. Police said that Tanveer Ahmed, first secretary in the Pakistan Embassy, was attacked on the Defence Colony flyover, in South Delhi, and had been admitted to the All India Institute of Medical Sciences. Police gave no other details of the attack.

Foreign Secretary Conveys 'Deep Regret'

BK281249 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1230 GMT 28 Jun 86

[Text] India today conveyed its deep regret to Pakistan over the assault of the first secretary, Mr Tanveer Ahmed, in New Delhi last night. In a letter to the Pakistan foreign secretary, Mr Abdul Sattar, India's Foreign Secretary Mr A.P. Venkateswaran said that the government has given instructions to further tighten the security for Pakistani diplomats in India. Mr Venkateswaran assured Mr Sattar that all efforts would be made to apprehend the culprits.

Delhi Police Arrest 2 Suspected Saboteurs

BK291251 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1230 GMT 29 Jun 86

[Text] Delhi police have arrested two persons — Surjit Singh Sandhu of Amritsar and Bashir Ahmed Khan of Pakistan — from a hideout at Shiv Nagar in West Delhi.

The deputy commissioner of the crime branch, Mr Amod Kant, told a news conference today that the accused had planned to attack VIP's, damage important public buildings, and cause disruptions in the city. While Surjit Singh is a close associate of Harjinder Singh Jinda, Bashir Ahmed is said to be the kingpin of a well-organized syndicate of narcotic traffickers.

Continuing Reportage on Situation in Punjab State

Curfew Reinstated in Amritsar

BK271619 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1555 GMT 27 Jun 86

[Text] An all-party meeting held in Chandigarh this evening urged the people of Punjab to launch a united movement against terrorism, extremism, and separatism in the state. In a resolution, the meeting asked the people of the state in general, and democratic and secular forces in particular, to desist from strikes and bundhs [strikes] and instead strengthen the traditional goodwill and fraternal bonds. The meeting urged those who have given a call for a bundh on Monday [30 June] to withdraw it. The leaders attending the meeting said bundhs and strikes worsen the law and order situation, lead to communal and group clashes, and cause untold sufferings and hardships to the people. The meeting was attended by senior leaders of the Akali Dal, Congress-I, Bharatiya Janata Party, CPI, and CPI-M.

The State Electricity Board employees observed a day's token strike today to protest against killings of their colleagues in [words indistinct] violence. The employees in Jullundur held a rally and took out a peace march. Reports of such rallies have also come in from Hoshiarpur and Phagwara.

In Amritsar, the curfew, which was relaxed today for 5 hours from 1100 in the morning, had to be reimposed at 1330 this afternoon following some incidents of violence. One person was stabbed to death during the relaxation period in Sultanganj area of the city. The 5-hour curfew relaxation passed off peacefully in Nakodar. No untoward incident was reported from any part of the town.

Strike Called; 'Terrorist' Killed

BK300325 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0240 GMT 30 Jun 86

[Text] The Punjab government has taken adequate precautionary measures in view of the bundh [strike] call given by Shiv Sena [militant Hindu organization] for today to protest against the killings in the state.

The administration all over the state has been alerted to avert any untoward incident. The patrolling by the police and paramilitary forces has been intensified and the police pickets in sensitive areas have been strengthened. A number of preventive arrests in this connection have been made at several places by the local authorities. The call for the bundh has been opposed by the political parties. Leaders of these parties have appealed to the people to ignore the call at state and district level.

In Amritsar District, a suspected terrorist who fired at CRPF [Central Reserve Police Force] party was killed when the CRPF jawans [soldiers] returned the fire near a bridge in Majitha area. The CRPF party was searching a bus going from Amritsar to Majitha when the suspected terrorist got down and fired at the party. A revolver and about 15 cartridges were recovered from his possession.

'Mixed Response' to Strike

BK300855 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0830 GMT 30 Jun 86

[Text] In Punjab, the bundh [strike] call today has evoked a mixed response. While in cities and towns the response was between 10 to 85 percent, in rural and suburban areas it was negligible. In Amritsar, 14 more preventive arrests have been made since this morning. No untoward incident has, however, been reported from anywhere in the state.

The call for bundh has been given by the Shiv Sena [right-wing Hindu militant party] in protest against the killing of innocent people in the state. A report from Jullundhur says that 10 to 15 percent of shops had opened. However, there is no effect of the bundh in the outer colonies of the town. Government offices and commercial establishments are functioning normally.

In Simla, almost all shops and commercial establishments remained closed today in response to the bundh call. All India Radio Simla correspondent reports that government offices, educational institutions, public transport and other essential services are, however, functioning normally.

Police Use of Riot-Control Weapons Approved

BK280915 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0830 GMT 28 Jun 86

[Text] A new range of riot-control weapons, including plastic pellets and rubber bullets, have been approved by the Home Ministry.

The weapons which are designed to stun have been developed since the police did not possess any intermediary weapons between tear gas shells and rifles for riot control.

Ruling Party Successful in Upper House Elections

NC281938 Paris AFP in English 1927 GMT 28 Jun 86

[Text] New Delhi, June 28 (AFP) — Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi's ruling Congress-I Party won the 30 seats it contested in biennial elections to the Rajya Sabha Saturday, retaining its strength of 148 in the 244-member upper house of parliament.

Forty-five seats were at stake in the election, whose results held no surprises and generally reflected the respective strengths of rivals in the electoral college, analysts said. Candidates to the upper house are nominated by political parties and are elected by deputies of the state assemblies.

In the contest in Punjab, whose result was considered crucial for political stability in the troubled northern state, the state's ruling Akali Dal nominee Jagjit Singh Aurora, a war hero, defeated Simranjit Singh Mann, a known Sikh militant.

Mann, a former police officer dismissed after he criticised the Indian Army's assault on the Golden Temple in June 1984, lost the election by just two votes, polling 42. He was backed by a dissident group of Punjab's ruling Akali Dal Party.

Mann is now in prison, awaiting trial on the charge of sedition. He was arrested last November 11, allegedly for distributing weapons to Sikh militants campaigning for a separate homeland in India's north.

The Congress-I gained three seats, one each from Tamil Nadu, Bihar and Orissa, but the gains were neutralised because it contested only eight seats from Uttar Pradesh, where it earlier held 11.

The tally: Congress-I 30; Lok Dal (People's League) and Bharatiya Janata (Indian People's) Party 4 each; All India A.D.M.K. 3; Janata (People's) Party, Congress-S, D.M.K., and Akali Dal one each.

Notable winners included federal Industry Minister N.D. Tiwari, the prime minister's economic adviser L.K. Jha, and Ajit Singh, the son of Lok Dal chief and former prime minister Charan Singh.

Further Details

BK281619 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 28 Jun 86

[Excerpt] In the Rajya Sabha election, all the 37 results for which elections were held today in 6 states have been declared. The Congress-I emerged as the largest single party with 23 seats; followed by Lok Dal 4; BJP [Bharatiya Janata Party] and AIADMK [All India Anna Dravida Munnetra Kazagham] 3 each; and the Akali Dal, Congress-S, Janata, and DMK with 1 each. Polling will be held tomorrow to elect two candidates from Haryana.

Today's prominent winners include the union industry minister, Mr N.D. Tiwari; the former Rajya Sabha deputy chairman, Dr Najma Heptulla; and the former economic adviser to the prime minister, Mr L.K. Jha — all Congress-I; retired Lieutenant General Jagjit Singh Arora of the Akali Dal; Congress-S leader Mr A.G. Kulkarni; the Lok Dal secretary, Mr Ajit Singh; and Mr Promod Mahajan of the BJP.

In Punjab, while Lieutenant General J.S. Arora, Akali Dal, and Mr H.S. Ansal of the Congress-I were elected, the nominee of the breakaway group of the Akali Dal, Mr S.S. Mann, along with Mr Satwant Singh, independent, were defeated.

Attack on Diplomat in India Said Planned

BK281025 Karachi Domestic Service in English 0925 GMT 28 Jun 86

[Text] According to a report received from Embassy of Pakistan in New Delhi, Mr Tanveer Ahmed, first secretary at the embassy, was attacked by a group of persons when he left his residence last evening. He suffered serious injuries and had to be admitted into hospital for medical care.

The brutal and reprehensible attack on the Pakistani diplomat appears to have been preplanned.

The Pakistan Government has called on the Indian Government to conduct an urgent investigation into the deplorable incident to apprehend the perpetrators of this crime and to take an appropriate action against them in compliance with its obligations under the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations.

Protest Lodged Over Attack

BK281539 Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu 1500 GMT 28 Jun 86

[Excerpts] The Pakistani Embassy in New Delhi today lodged a strong protest with the Indian Government over the attack on a senior Pakistani diplomat by an unknown group of persons. The chief of the Pakistani chancery, Aziz Ahmed Khan, met with the Indian foreign secretary, Venketeswaran, this morning and lodged a strong protest with him over the unprovoked attack on Tanveer Ahmed, first secretary in the Pakistani Embassy. He called upon the Indian Government to take stringent action against the culprits.

The Indian foreign secretary expressed regret over this unpleasant incident and assured the head of the Pakistani chancery that the Indian Government will make every effort to apprehend the culprints.

According to the details of this incident which have been received now, Tanveer Ahmed was mercilessly beaten by an unknown group of 10 persons near his residence in south Delhi. He sustained serious injuries on his head, face, and stomach. He had to be admitted into the All India Institute of Medical Sciences. The south Delhi police have registered a case but no arrests have been made so far.

Noorani on Attack

BK291045 Karachi Domestic Service in English 1005 GMT 29 Jun 86

[Excerpt] The minister of state for foreign affairs, Mr Zain Noorani, told the National Assembly today that the Pakistan Government has asked the Indian Government to fulfill its obligations under international law and the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations under which the protection of dignity and safety of diplomats is the responsibility of the host state. He was speaking on the admissibility of several identical adjournment motions moved by members to discuss the attack on a senior Pakistani diplomat in New Delhi on Friday evening by unidentified persons.

The minister of state said it is the solemn duty of the Indian Government to take expeditious and effective measures to investigate the reprehensible crime, apprehend the attackers, and prosecute them as well as those who have masterminded the dastardly plot. He told the House that the Indian Ministry of External Affairs had informed the Pakistan Government that every effort was being made by the Indian authorities to identify and arrest those who had attacked the Pakistani diplomat, Mr Tanveer Ahmed.

Responding to the sentiments of the members of the House and the people of Pakistan, Mr Zain Noorani said the Pakistan Government was most perturbed and had taken a very serious view of the violence perpetrated on the Pakistani official and assured that the Pakistan Government will pursue the matter at the highest level in bilateral manner as well as in other forums where it may be appropriate to raise it. The House unanimously admitted the adjournment motions for discussions.

Yaqub Khan Comments on Talks in Washington

BK290634 Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu 0200 GMT 29 Jun 86

[Text] Foreign Minister Sahabzada Yaqub Khan returned to Islamabad early this morning from Washington. Talking to newsmen at airport, he said the U.S. Administration and Congress are looking forward to the visit of the democratically elected prime minister of Pakistan, Mr Mohammad Khan Junejo. They are confident that the visit will contribute to further strengthening the close and friendly ties between the two countries. The prime minister, during his visit next month, will hold formal talks with President Reagan, Vice President Bush, and senior members of the Cabinet. He will also meet with important figures in both houses of Congress. Pakistanis living in the United States will also have many occasions to meet the prime minister.

Sahabzada Yaqub Khan said that during his stay in the United States he also exchanged views on other bilateral matters and the regional situation, including the Afghanistan problem.

The U.S. Administration reiterated its support for Pakistan's efforts to find a political solution to the Afghanistan problem, particularly at the Geneva proximity talks, where a political settlement is to be worked out envisaging the withdrawal of foreign troops within a reasonable and acceptable time frame and the safe and honorable return of refugees to their homes.

The foreign minister said that the ongoing aid package and an agreement negotiated for assistance in the post-1987 period were also discussed. He added that the U.S. Administration has assured that every effort will be made [to protect the aid package]. Despite the U.S. budget deficit and other financial difficulties, implementation of the overall aid package will continue. He said the attitude of senators and congressmen in general is positive and sympathetic to the overall aid package agreement for Pakistan.

He said there is admiration and respect for the maturity and restraint with which the elected govenrment has handled political developments in Pakistan. In this connection, Pakistan's role in providing shelter to over 3 million Afghan refugees despite its own problems deserves mentioning.

Answering a question, he said the meeting between an Afghan mujahidin leader and the U.S. Administration was arranged with Pakistan's assistance. This was aimed at letting the U.S. Administration know of the sacrifices of the Afghan people.

Answering another question, he said the assistance given by the United States on humanitarian grounds [to the Afghan refugees] comes through Pakistan. As far as the question of arms supply is concerned, Pakistan has never been and will never be a conduit in this connection.

Prime Minister Visits Peshawar, Discusses Terrorism
BK271539 Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu 1500 GMT 27 Jun 86

[Text] A high-level meeting presided over by Prime Minister Mohammad Khan Junejo was held in Peshawar today to review the law and order situation in the North-West Frontier Province [NWFP]. The prime minister was informed in detail of the arrangements made by the provincial government to deal with terrorist activities and bomb blasts in the province.

Mohammad Khan Junejo directed the provincial government to utilize all means to end sabotage activities and root out antisocial elements. He stated that the federal government will extend all possible assistance to end terrorist activities in the province. The prime minister stressed that no concessions will be given to saboteurs and terrorists and they will be punished. Among others, the meeting was attended by acting NWFP Governor Justice S. Usman Ali Shah, Chief Minister Arbab Mohammad Jahangir Khan, Federal Minister for States and Frontier Regions Syed Qasim Shah and senior officials of the federal and provincial governments. Earlier, the prime minister met with the provincial cabinet members.

Upon arrival at Peshawar for a day visit this morning, the prime minister was received by NWFP's acting governor, chief minister, Federal Minister Salim Saifullah Khan, Ministers of State Yunus Elahi Sethi and Nisar Mohammad Khan, provincial ministers, senators, and members of the national and provincial assemblies.

Discusses Steps To Combat Terrorism
BK280241 Karachi Domestic Service in English 1700 GMT 27 Jun 86

[Text] The prime minister, Mr Mohammad Khan Junejo, has said that efforts were being made to effectively control subversive activities and nobody will be allowed to create trouble for the local population. Talking to newsmen at Peshawar airport before his departure for Islamabad tonight, he said that a special tribunal for trying cases under the terrorist act were being constituted and a formal notification in this regard is expected to be issued tomorrow. The prime minister said that the North-West Frontier Province chief minister, Arbab Mohammad Jahangir Khan, had apprised him in details of the incidents which had taken place in Peshawar during the last fortnight. He expressed satisfaction over the steps taken by the provincial government in this regard and said that he had finalized today the program to further coordinate these efforts. He said that a citizens' delegation had called on him today and also expressed satisfaction over the steps taken during the last 4 or 5 days.

About the law and order situation in Sind, the prime minister said that there were only 3 or 4 districts in the province where the law and order situation prevailed. He said that more personnel, including frontier constabulary and rangers, had been inducted there -- besides strengthening the police force to improve the situation. He expressed the hope that as a result of these steps the situation would be brought under control.

Karachi: 26 Killed in Kabul Rocket Attack
BK280619 Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu 0600 GMT 28 Jun 86

[Text] According to reports received from Afghanistan, mujahidin fired rockets on Kabul Monday night [23 June], destroying many official buildings and killing at least 26 persons.

Reports say the rocket attack targeted the police academy building, one polytechnical school, and residential areas of the Afghan militia. One rocket also hit a tank of the Afghan forces near a food store. Other reports say mujahidin shot down an aircraft of the Soviet-Kabul forces in (Mahadara) by rocket fire.

Successful Mujahidin Operations
BK300314 Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu 0200 GMT 30 Jun 86

[Text] According to reports, the mujahidin during last few days carried out several successful operations against Soviet-Kabul forces in various places of Afghanistan.

Reports say that the mujahidin attacked Soviet-Kabul force positions in Qandahar, Farah, Kabul, Lowgar and Ghazni Provinces, inflicting heavy loss of life and property. One report says that last Sunday the mujahidin foiled the Kabul administration's attack on their positions in (Daur) and (Karakari) areas of Herat. Six tanks were destroyed and a large number of soldiers killed in the fighting.

According to another report, the mujahidin have taken control of a part of Ghazni Province.

According to reports, the mujahidin foiled Soviet-Kabul forces' attack on some villages in Lowgar Province. Several Soviet-Kabul soldiers were killed and three Soviet tanks damaged in the clash. The reports added that following the fighting, Soviet aircraft bombed the civilian population in the region killing a number of civilians and damaging residential buildings.

SRI LANKA

Reportage on Latest Efforts for Solving Tamil Issue

Jayewardene: Need for Political Solution

BK290712 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0240 GMT 29 Jun 86

[Text] The chairman of the Congress-I cell and former foreign secretary, Mr Romesh Bhandari, says Colombo's latest package of proposals to solve the island's ethnic problem indicates that President Jayewardene has recognized the need for a political solution.

Speaking on India's foreign policy at a meeting in Madras, Mr Bhandari said India has always stood for a solution to be found within the framework of a united Sri Lanka.

Proposals Handed to Tamil Groups

BK290859 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0830 GMT 29 Jun 86

[Text] Sri Lankan Government's new proposals to solve the ethnic issue in the island were handed over to five Tamil militant groups in Madras today. The Tamil Nadu chief minister, Mr M.G. Ramachandran, gave these proposals to the representatives of five militant groups. They are to discuss these proposals among themselves. The Tamil United Liberation Front is holding its Politburo meeting today to consider the proposals.

The union minister of state for personnel and administrative reform, Mr P. Chidambaram, held discussions with the Tamil United Liberation Front leaders in Madras yesterday. He also had discussions with Tamil militant groups.

Talking to newsmen in Cochin today, Mr Chidambaram said that the present package of proposals is fairly complete. He said the Tamil groups should now consider whether the package plan formed a basis for further negotiation.

Tamils To Review New Proposals

BK300339 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0240 GMT 30 Jun 86

[Text] The Eelam National Liberation Front [ENLF], comprising three Tamil militant groups, has decided to invite other Tamil groups for considering the Sri Lankan Government's latest proposals to solve the ethnic crisis.

The groups invited by the ENLF are Tigers of Tamil Eelam, the People's Liberation Organization of Tamil Eelam, and the Tamil United Liberation Front. The ENLF met soon after receiving copies of the proposals from the Tamil Nadu chief minister, Mr Ramachandran, yesterday.

Briefing newsmen after the meeting, a spokesman of the front said the groups have to thrash out a common stand within a week.

Colombo Updates Clashes With 'Terrorists'

BK281205 Colombo International Service in English 1045 GMT 28 Jun 86

[Text] Security forces made a major breakthrough when they located and attakced a Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam's [LTTE] hideout in Kiran, 20 miles north of Batticaloa, killing 10 terrorists at dawn yesterday. Heavy fighting continued for more than 6 hours up to yesterday afternoon with aircraft giving cover to troops. Four soldiers suffered injuries during the attack but troops were under orders to continue to the finish.

The security forces located the LTTE camp said to hold some 50 hard-core terrorists at the end of a 3-day operations at (Kawalkund), in the north. It was launched after reports that terrorists from this base were planning a series of attacks, particularly on 25 June when the political parties conference was underway in Colombo.

Of the four soldiers injured, one is reported to be in critical condition, the other three suffered minor injuries when terrorists threw a hand grenade on troops from the camp during the 6-hour battle. The injured are being treated at Polonnaruwa hospital.

Following the raid a large haul of weapons, including rocket propeller guns, rocket launchers, an AK-47 patrol rifle, one general purpose gun and a large number of explosives, exploders, and ammunition, were recovered by the security forces. Security forces, according to military sources, will continue (?their) operations in the area, especially in the stretch between (Balachery) and (Punai).

Several families of Indian origin, Tamils, have left their homes in the Kilinochchi area following threats made to them by terrorists.

The Indian Tamils, who settled in Kilinochchi some years ago, had at the beginning been welcomed by the residents in the area. Some of the Indian Tamil families had informed the authorities that they would prefer to live elsewhere since the terrorists are causing a great deal of hardship to them and their threats might force them to leave the area.

LTTE terrorists attacked the monkey bridge area in Trincomalee District on Thursday night, killing one civilian and abducting three. In attacking the area — sixth mile post on the Trincomalee-(Amparon) road — terrorists set ablaze a shop and two houses, burning a woman to death. They had also burned two lorries parked outside the shop and later abducted three civilians, including the drivers of the two lorries and the owner of the gutted shop.

Meanwhile, a fortified school, which held juvenile offenders in Atchuveli, Kankesanthurai, was razed to the ground by terrorists who attacked it with guns and grenades last Saturday. Two van-loads of terrorists stormed the school on Sunday morning firing and throwing grenades at it from all directions, a security official said. Every building in the compound was reduced to rubble, but inmates of the school were able to escape into the jungle. The damage and loss of property had been estimated at 1.8 million rupees.

Khomeyni Reappoints Musavi-Ardabili Chief Justice

LD281953 Tehran IRNA in English 1814 GMT 28 Jun 86

[Text] Tehran, June 28, IRNA — Founder of the Islamic Republic of Iran Imam Khomeyni here Saturday re-instated Ayatollah AbdolKarim Musavi-Ardabili as the chief justice. Ayatollah Musavi-Ardabili succeeded Ayatollah Mohammad Hoseyn Beheshti after he was martyred in a terrorist bomb blast at the Islamic Republic Party headquarters in Tehran on June 28, 1981. According to Article 110 of the Iranian Constitution the chief justice is appointed by the leader of the Islamic Revolution for a five-year tenure.

Besharati Blames Saudi Arabia for Oil Market Glut

LD271722 Tehran IRNA in English 1650 GMT 27 Jun 86

[Text] Algiers, June 27, IRNA — Iranian acting Foreign Minister 'Ali Mohammad Besharati Thursday strongly criticized Saudi Arabia for dealing a severe blow to OPEC by glutting the oil market and forcing down prices, which he said has only benefitted arrogant powers.

Besharati who was speaking to reporters here shortly before his departure for Tehran, said that industrialized countries have gained 60 billion dollars over a six-month period as a result of falling oil prices. Saudi Arabia, Besharati noted, should make amends to the oppressed countries and peoples of oil-producing states who are suffering as a result of its policies which are only benefitting such criminal and arrogant powers as the United States and the Jerusalem occupying regime.

Committed OPEC members' contributions to the Third World can never begin to compensate for reduced oil prices, Besharati said. "Saudi Arabia", he added, "is guilty of the greatest treason ever committed against the oppressed and deprived countries".

On his visit to Algiers, the acting foreign minister told reporters that he had discussed with Algerian officials international issues, recent developments in the region and ways to further expand and strengthen Irano-Algeria ties.

Besharati also said that he had been ordered by President 'Ali Khamene'i to brief Algerian officials on latest development in Lebanon, the Iranian mediated cease-fire there and its efforts to secure a permanent truce between warring Amal militiamen and Palestinians in cooperation with Algeria.

The acting foreign minister in his meeting with Chadli Bendjedid extended an invitation to him from his Iranian counterpart 'Ali Khamene'i to pay a visit to Tehran.

He said that during his talks with the Algerian president, he had been assured that Algeria would welcome Iran's plans to end clashes between warring groups in Beirut. Other topics discussed between them, he said, were the fall in oil prices and the need for OPEC member countries to fight the plot.

Acting Foreign Minister Besharati also said that the Algerian president had welcomed his suggestion that the two countries exchange expert delegations to explore ways to further Tehran-Algiers cooperation.

On the Iraqi-imposed war, Besharati said that he had informed Algerian officials of Iranian people's firm determination to continue their defensive war until the aggressor party (Iraqi regime) is punished. The Iranian official furthermore said that in his talks with Algerian officials he had assured them that Iran hated the war and wanted peace more than any other country. But, he said, Iran wants a permanent peace which is impossible as long as the ruling Iraqi regime continues to exist.

On the efforts of the Iraqi regime and its supporters to include the topic of the Iraqi-imposed war in the agenda of the forthcoming non-aligned summit meet due to be held in Zimbabwe in late summer, Besharati said "we have already clarified our stance and we will not allow reactionary governments to make use of such meets to promote their interests."

Paper Criticizes Saudi Support for Al-Jumayyil

GF281454 Tehran KEYHAN AL-'ARABI in Arabic 23 Jun 86 p 12

[From "A Pause" column by Ziya' Musa: "Saudi Arabia's Conspiratorial Roles"]

[Text] The Saudi Government believes that the revolutionary popular insurgency in Lebanon poses a genuine threat to its national security and political stability.

In view of Saudi Arabia's subservience to the Western capitalist order led by Washington, the Saudi royal family believes that the creation of a revolutionary system in Lebanon — the heart of the Middle East — would affect the peace process which Saudi Arabia is trying to activate once again in line with its previous plan, the Fahd plan.

On the domestic level, a revolutionary regime in Lebanon would ignite the Saudi people to hasten their uprising and revolution and arise as they did at the Mecca mosque in 1979 in the wake of the emergence of the Islamic Revolution in Iran.

The deprived classes in Saudi Arabia and expatriate labor from various Asian countries have begun to feel the injustice and are constantly demanding that they be given rights equal to the effort they exert in their work. The crisis is the powder keg that will explode one day.

In an attempt to prevent the creation of a revolutionary system in Lebanon, Saudi Arabia intensified its military and economic aid to the Phalangists and to the organizations that support a settlement with Israel at a time when Israeli forces arrived at the approaches to Beirut and the U.S. Marines and NATO forces were stationed in Lebanon. Saudi Arabia had also blessed the assumption of the presidency of Lenanon by the butcher Bashir al-Jumayyil, and after his death encouraged Amin al-Jumayyil to become president.

Now, as Amin al-Jumayyil is facing a critical stage with the Lebanese people calling for his resignation, Saudi Arabia [as

published] and its sister Gulf states are playing host to Al-Jumayyil to lift the blockade that has been imposed upon him and are supporting him politically through their media and are giving him legitimacy as the de facto president of Lebanon.

Saudi Arabia believes that supporting Al-Jumayyil will lead in the future to the conclusion of an Israeli-Lebanese peace agreement similar to the 17 May agreement. Such an agreement will give King Husayn a golden opportunity to negotiate with Israel in light of his declared slogan "Exchanging peace for territory."

Diplomatic sources believe that Saudi Arabia's plans to liquidate the Palestinian question and Saudi support for the Phalangists enjoy the full support of the U.S. Congress which rewarded it with the AWACS planes and other arms deals.

In the past, Al-Sadat, the shah, and Numayri placed themselves at the disposal of U.S. and Zionist plans for the Middle East. Their fate is well-known to the whole world. As for the fate of the Saudi ruling family, the future will tell.

Velayati Comments on Visits to Cuba, Nicaragua, CSSR

GF280632 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 0330 GMT 28 Jun 86

[Text] According to the Central News Unit, our country's foreign minister Mr 'Ali Akbar Velayati, who was on official visits to Cuba, Nicaragua, and Czechoslovakia, returned to Tehran this morning.

Speaking on the objectives of his visit to Cuba and Nicaragua, the foreign minister said: Besides assessing mutual relations, the main subject of our talks was the convening of the next Non-aligned Movement [NAM] session of heads of state in Zimbabwe. This coordination was necessary because these two countries are effective members of the NAM.

Other subjects discussed included problems of Third World countries, in particular economic problems, and it was decided that detailed discussions would be held in this regard among advisers of the three countries.

Mr Velayati said: In the field of expanding cultural exchanges it was agreed upon that joint sessions would be held between the Islamic revolutionary clergy and the Christian clerics in Tehran in the near future. He added: One of the bases of our foreign policy is that we strive to promote our relations with revolutionary and Third World countries which have acted against superpower domination. Cuba and Nicaragua have a very active political presence in South America. While condemning U.S. approval of aid to Nicaraguan counterrevolutionaries, he reiterated the Islamic Republic of Iran's support for the Nicaraguan Government and nation against the United States.

Regarding his visit to Czechoslovakia, our country's foreign minister said: This visit follows the visit by the Czechoslovakian foreign minister to Tehran a few months ago. During my visit I met the president, the speaker of the Parliament, prime minister, and ministers of foreign affairs and trade. The Czechoslovakian premier has extended an official invitation to Prime Minister Mr Musavi. In conclusion, Mr Velayati said: It has been decided that the first Iranian-Czechoslovakian joint commission will be held in the fall in Tehran.

Economic Delegation Departs France Following Talks

LD281931 Tehran IRNA in English 1844 GMT 28 Jun 86

[Text] Paris, June 28, IRNA — An Iranian economic delegation, headed by the Deputy Economic and Financial Affairs Minister, Mahdi Navab, concluded its talks with French officials and left for Tehran Saturday.

The delegation had arrived here on June 25 to discuss financial disputes involving repayment of a French debt of dlrs one billion plus accrued interest to Iran. The loan was made to France's Eurodif, a uranium enrichment consortium by the deposed shah's regime. More talks aimed at resolving the dispute are planned. A French delegation had visited Iran in May to discuss the issue.

Majlis Debates French Debt, Other Issues

GF290840 [Editorial Report] Tehran Domestic Service in Persian at 0435 GMT on 29 June begins live coverage of the Majlis open session. Reception ranges from good to fair. The session begins with a recitation from the Koran and the announcement of the day's agenda by Speaker 'Ali Akbar Hashemi-Rafsanjani. The agenda includes review of a report by the agricultural commission on rural development and afforestation.

The first pre-agenda speaker, unidentified, takes the rostrum at 0450 GMT and gives a tribute to the martyrs of the IRP explosion "who have treaded in the path of the noble scions of Islam."

The Esfahan deputy, Salehi, then comes to the podium at 0500 GMT. After extolling the nobility of the IRP martyrs, he speaks on the needs of the war and warfronts. He says that the war depends on "planning and manpower. The latter is being met by our dear nation and continues to do so. But in my opinion more effort is necessary as far as planning is concerned. I hope the policymakers for the war will invest more expertise in the matter. They should avail of the knowhow and experiences of those dear hezbollahis who have spent years at the fronts. The planning for the war should be revamped in a manner that we are able to inflict a direct and shattering blow on the decrepit form of the enemy. Thus we will be delivered from the evil of the war." He then explains the need for greater coordination of donations sent to the fronts by those who need the items themselves. He stresses the need for greater wheat cultivation to meet domestic demand in order to achieve self-sufficiency.

The third pre-agenda speaker is announced as Mr Kashani, who begins his speech at 0517 GMT. He says that "Iranian-French relations are being discussed between the respective delegations and have centered on the debts of more than $2 billion which France owes Iran in lieu of the purchase of oil." He adds that "the French authorities do not deny the fact that they owe us the sum. The *ETTELA'AT* newspaper dated 10 June citing AFP

writes on this topic: Jacques Chirac has admitted that France owes a sum to Iran and negotiations are being held between the two countries in this regard." He complains that "insignificant peripheral issues" are debated in the Majlis and "such an extraordinary important issue is ignored." He deplores the fact that an official report has not been submitted on the matter and castigates the policy of secrecy which prevents the participation of the people in economic and political affairs.

At 0540 GMT, Speaker Hashemi-Rafsanjani addresses the Majlis, paying lavish tributes to the martyrs, followed by a prolonged discussion on the problems of the agricultural and forestry departments. At 0703 GMT the members take a break. The session resumes at 0739 GMT and discussion continues on rural issues.

The session adjourns at 0828 GMT and the speaker announces that the next session will be held on Tuesday, 1 July.

Greek Foreign Minister on Consolidating Ties

LD281403 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 28 Jun 86

[Text] The Greek foreign affairs minister, interviewed by foreign correspondents in Athens, responding to a question by a correspondent of the Islamic Republic News Agency on the views of the Greek Administration about bilateral relations with the Islamic Republic of Iran, expressed his wishes for expansion of bilateral relations and declared his deep respect for the Iranian revolution and the nation. He stated his intentions to visit Tehran. Noting the relations between the Iraqi regime and Greece, he said: At present, Athens intends to strengthen and consolidate its relations with Tehran.

Departing Envoy Received by PRC's Zhao Ziyang

LD271442 Tehran IRNA in English 1425 GMT 27 Jun 86

[Text] Tehran, June 27, IRNA — China's Premier Zhao Ziyang said Friday that both Iran and his country pursue independent foreign policies. Speaking in a meeting with Iran's ambassador to Beijing 'Ali Khorram, the Chinese premier said his country welcomes Iran's independent and non-aligned policies against the two big powers. He added that Irano-Chinese relations had expanded considerably in the recent years.

In reply the departing Iranian ambassador thanked Chinese officials for their hosting of a high-ranking Islamic Republic delegation headed by Majlis speaker Hojjat ol-Eslam Hashemi-Rafsanjani last year. Considerable progress in the two countries' relations followed the visit Khorram said. The Iranian ambassador's four-year tenure in Beijing has ended. He will soon depart for Tehran.

Meets With PRC Officials

LD301047 Tehran IRNA in English 1010 GMT 30 Jun 86

[Text] Tehran, June 30, IRNA — The outgoing Iranian ambassador to Beijing, 'Ali Khorram, in separate meetings with the high adviser of the Chinese government, Zhang Jingfu, and the member of Standing Committee of the National People's Congress, Ye Jianying in Beijing Sunday, discussed issues of mutual interests.

The Chinese officials referring to historical ties between the two countries called for further strengthening of relations. Meanwhile Zhang Jingfu extended an invitation for the deputy prime minister of Iran, Mirzadeh, to visit China.

In these meetings the Chinese officials also praised Khorram's efforts, whose term of service in Beijing has come to an end, for taking measures towards promotion of mutual relations.

Addresses Farewell Luncheon

LD291948 Tehran IRNA in English 1015 GMT 29 Jun 86

[Text] Tehran, June 29, IRNA — The Iranian ambassador to Beijing, 'Ali Khorram, speaking in a farewell luncheon given by Chinese deputy foreign minister, Saturday explained political and economic stances of the Islamic Republic of Iran and its objectives. Unlike the past, he added, at present the Iranian people run their country and make decisions themselves. The Iranian Ambassador's four-year tenure in Beijing has ended.

The Chinese deputy foreign minister praised services of the Iranian ambassador in promoting the mutual relations. He added that his country and people are always interested in further strengthening of mutual relations. The Chinese official also hailed foreign policy of the Islamic Republic of Iran based on the principles of independence and non-alignment. He said that expansion of bilateral ties in the past few years was achieved under the wise leadership of both countries and that the Iranian ambassador has played an effective role in this respect.

Musavi Warns Iraq on Attacks on Economic Sites

LD291150 Tehran IRNA in English 1128 GMT 29 Jun 86

[Text] Tehran, June 29, IRNA — Prime Minister Mir Hoseyn Musavi said here Sunday that Iran will continue its attacks on Iraqi economic installations as long as the Baghdad regime continues attacking Iranian economic establishments.

Speaking to domestic reporters after the cabinet meeting, he refuted Iraqi allegations on Iran having attacked residential areas in Kirkuk. He said that Iraq's claims were mere lies. However, he warned the Iraqi regime, "we will give a more decisive reply to any Iraqi aggression against our industrial installations."

Meanwhile, the cabinet ministers held a special commemorative ceremony for the late Chief Justice Ayatollah Mohammad Beheshti and more than 72 other officials, martyred in a MKO bomb explosion at the Islamic Republic party headquarters June 28, 1981.

Prime Minister Musavi, referring to the incident said that it created solidarity and further united the people and the government.

Reportage on Combat Operations in War With Iraq

Communique No 2,514

LD271731 Tehran IRNA in English 1705 GMT 27 Jun 86

[Text] Tehran, June 27, IRNA — Iranian fighter bombers pounded Iraqi economic installations in northwestern Kirkuk, at 35.41 north and 44.05 east coordinates, at 05:33 hours (02:03 hours GMT) Friday inflicting substantial losses on them, said a military communique.

Communique number 2514 released by the Joint Staff of the Armed Forces said that the Iranian fighters after successfully carrying out their mission returned safely to their bases.

Iranian Gendarmerie forces responded to Iraqi artillery fire in Dehloran, Bayat and Zobeydah Thursday killing or wounding at least five Iraqi soldiers and destroying several bunkers, two heavy vehicles and one command jeep of theirs, the communique said.

The communique said that Iranian artillery fire on Iraqi positions and supply routes in Hajj 'Umran, and Halaleh Thursday inflicted heavy casualties and losses on them in each area.

In Ilam and Bakhtaran border provinces, the communique said, Iranian Muslim combatants reconnoitered Iraqi positions and opened artillery and mortar fire on Iraqi supply routes halting their supply operations and inflicting heavy damage on them.

Iranian anti-aircraft fire forced intruding Iraqi war planes to flee in Sumar and Sar-e Pol-e Zahab and elsewhere in Sardasht and halted reconnaissance flights of enemy helicopters, said the communique.

According to the communique some Iraqi patrol units trying to infiltrate Iranian positions in Sumar, Qasr-e Shirin and Mehran were shelled and forced to flee.

Exchange of artillery fire continued in the southern fronts Thursday raging somewhat more heavily in Zayd, Kushk and Chazzabeh, said the communique, adding that Iranian artillery fire on Iraqi tanks in Jofeyr had silenced their fire and inflicted damage on them.

Meanwhile, several houses and shops in Abadan, Khuzestan Province were damaged Thursday as they were hit by Iraqi long-range artillery fire.

Communique No 2,515

LD281728 Tehran IRNA in English 1705 GMT 28 Jun 86

[Text] Tehran, June 28, IRNA — At least 10 Iraqi soldiers were killed or wounded and several gun emplacements together with two trucks of theirs destroyed in Bayat, southern fronts, Friday as they were shelled by Iranian Gendarmerie forces, said a military communique here Saturday.

The Joint Staff Communique Number 2515 said that Iraqi patrol units trying to infiltrate Iranian positions in the northwestern fronts and in Chazzabeh in the southern fronts sustained heavy casualties and were forced to flee as they were hit by Iranian artillery fire Friday.

In Piranshahr, northwestern fronts, the communique said, several Iraqi forces were killed and parts of their positions demolished by Iranian artillery fire.

In Panjwin, Iranian Muslim combatants reconnoitered enemy positions and opened fire on several enemy engineering vehicles engaged in setting up positions. A number of them were destroyed and their operations halted the communique said.

The communique said that exchange of artillery fire continued in the western fronts Friday raging somewhat more heavily in Sumar with the Iranian forces holding the upper hand in these fronts.

According to the communique, Iraq's Banmil oil installations were hit several times by Iranian long-range artillery fire. Iraqi armoured units and enemy trucks carrying munitions as well as their supply vehicles were shelled in Halaleh, Bayat and Nahre-Anbar, as a result of which their movement was halted, the communique said.

Meanwhile, the city of Abadan in Khuzestan Province was hit by sporadic Iraqi artillery fire Friday.

Kirkuk Shelled in Retaliation

LD282143 Tehran IRNA in English 2126 GMT 28 Jun 86

[Text] Tehran, June 28, IRNA — The Islamic combatants launched two surface-to-surface missiles against Iraq's oil facilities in the north west of Kirkuk Thursday afternoon [date as received] in retaliation of the recent Iraqi regime's air attacks on Iranian oil centers. In this attack the mentioned Iraqi oil facilities suffered considerable damages. These oil facilities are situated 35 kilometers northwest of the Kirkuk city.

It was the second Islamic combatants' missile attack against the Kirkuk oil facilities since the beginning of the Iraqi-imposed war.

Some part of these facilities with 35-degree 41-minute northern and 44-degree 5-minute eastern geographic coordinates was earlier bombarded by Iranian warplanes at 5.33 a.m. Thursday morning.

Attack on Civilians Denied

LD282227 Tehran IRNA in English 2214 GMT 28 Jun 86

[Text] Tehran, June 28, IRNA — The War Information Headquarters strongly rejected Iraqi claim that a civilian area in Kirkuk city has been under Iranian attack. The Kirkuk's oil facilities came under fully precise attack of two surface-to-surface missiles, said a spokesman of the War Information Headquarters. He said these oil facilities are situated 35 kilometers northwest of the Kirkuk city and Iraq's claim about attack on the civilian areas is a pure lie.

The spokesman called on the representatives of the United Nations to visit the destroyed oil facilities of Kirkuk in order to clarify the Iraqi's false claims. The spokesman further added the Iraqi regime's claim is just a pretext for the repetition of aggression against the Iranian Moslem peoples. He emphasized that any act of crime against Iranian populated areas would be strongly and firmly retaliated, as the Iraqi regime has experienced before.

Iraq Resumes 'War of Cities'

LD291012 Tehran IRNA in English 0953 GMT 29 Jun 86

[Text] Tehran, June 29, IRNA — The Baghdad regime ,by its baseless claims alleging Iran of having attacked civilian areas in Iraq, is looking for an excuse to resume its war of the cities and deploy chemical weapons.

A military spokesman told IRNA Sunday that both Iran's surface-to-surface missiles and aerial attacks were launched against oil installations in the Iraqi city of Kirkuk last Thursday. He added that these attacks zeroed in the oil installations inflicting heavy damage. The military spokesman stressed that fabrications of the Iraqi rulers aimed at covering up the extent of the damage inflicted on the installations in Kirkuk.

Unfounded Iraqi claims alleging Iran of having attacked residential quarters, which was strongly denied by the War Information Headquarters, all indicate that the Baghdad regime is looking for a pretext to resume the war of cities and deploy of chemical warfare, he said. This has been repeatedly experienced in the past and in similar occasions the Iraqi regime has resorted to such lies to justify its inhuman measures.

No doubt the heroic Muslim forces of Iran, the spokesman stressed, will strongly respond to any criminal act by the Iraqi regime and both the army and the Islamic Revolution's Guards Corps will powerfully defend the civilians.

5 Killed in Iraqi Raid

LD291025 Tehran IRNA in English 1015 GMT 29 Jun 86

[Text] Ahvaz, Khuzestan Prov., June 29, IRNA — At least five civilians were martyred and 28 others wounded when Iraqi aircrafts raided two villages near Shadegan, Khuzestan Province at 0805 (0435 GMT) Sunday. Eight houses were destroyed in the raid. Relief forces rushed to the scene to help the survivors and to take out the martyrs from under the debris. A pregnant woman and four children under eight years of age are among the martyrs.

Communique No 2,516

LD291635 Tehran IRNA in English 1620 GMT 29 Jun 86

[Text] Tehran, June 29, IRNA — Iranian Gendarmerie Forces heavily pounded Iraqi positions and supply vehicles in Ilam, Bayat and Zobeydah Saturday killing or wounding at least 25 Iraqi soldiers and destroying five vehicles and over 10 bunkers, said a military communique here Sunday.

Communique Number 2516 released by the Joint Staff of the Armed Forces said Iraqi fire was also silenced and movement of their supply vehicles halted in the area.

Exchange of artillery fire continued throughout the fronts Saturday raging more heavily in Hajj 'Umran, Kolah Shin and Sardasht, northwestern fronts as a result of which several Iraqi soldiers were killed or wounded and five munitions dumps. Two heavy vehicles and some gun emplacements demolished, the communique said.

In Marivan, Kordistan Province, the communique said, Iranian Muslim combatants checked the movement of Iraqi vehicles and opened heavy artillery and mortar fire on enemy positions inflicting heavy casualties equipment losses on them.

Iraqi forces sustained heavy casualties and losses and their engineering as well as supply operations halted when Iranian combatants shelled their positions in the western fronts Saturday. An Iraqi patrol unit attempting to infiltrate Iranian positions in Sumar was shelled and forced to flee after sustaining casualties.

Heavy artillery duels were reported in the southern fronts in Sa'id, Kushk, and Majnun Islands where Iraqi troops incurred considerable casualties and losses. Movements of Iraqi vehicles and infantry units in these fronts were also halted.

Meanwhile, the city of Abadan suffered damage when it was hit by Iraqi long-range artillery fire Saturday.